

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1, and withdraw claims 5-7, as follows:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for the automatic drawing out of liquids from bottles, by applying a pressure on the liquid by an inert gas to the liquid, wherein the bottles are kept in their normal vertical position, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it comprises a body (10), lifting means (11) placed on the interior part of the body (10) and a drawing tap (12).

2. (original) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the drawing tap (12) consists of a body (13) an electric valve (14) and a tap (15) having a conical mouth (15').

3. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein inside the body (13) of the drawing tap (12) are present:

- a channel (16) permitting the entry into the bottle of the inert gas, connected with the pipe of the inert gas circuit;
- a channel (17) connected on one side to the pipe (18) and to the opposite side to the spout (19) and entering a chamber (20) closed by the piston of the electric valve (14) and a branch (21) which is also connected with the inert gas circuit.

4. (original) Apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the tap (15) is solidly connected to the body (13) through a chamber (22).

5. (withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 3 wherein the tap (15) is free to move up and down in the chamber (22).

6. (withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein in the chamber (22) is present a spring (23) which pushes the tap (15) downwards.

7. (withdrawn) Apparatus according to Claim 6 wherein the channel (16) at the end which enters into chamber (22) is closed by a needle valve (25).

8. (previously presented) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the means regulating the hydraulic and electric functions are controlled by a software.

9. (previously presented) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein the activation of the apparatus is performed by introducing a magnetic or chip card in the suitable inlet.

10. (previously presented) Apparatus according to Claim 1 wherein on the body of the apparatus, by each bottle, a liquid crystal- or luminous led-display showing the amount due for each draught is present.

11. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the body (10) houses more than one bottle.

12. (previously presented) Method for drawing liquids from a bottle through the action of an inert gas pushing on the liquid contained in the bottle, wherein an apparatus according to claim 1 is used.